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This Bulletin contains an analysis, in summary form, of the population of Western Australia as enumerated at the Census of 30th. June, 1954.

The population is classified according to age, conjugal condition, birthplace, period of residence in Australia of persons born outside Australia, nationality, religion, industry and occupational status. Each major table shows the numbers of males, females and persons according to one particular characteristic (e.g., age, conjugal condition, etc.).

A Bulletin similar to this will shortly be issued on Dwellings, and at a later stage a more detailed analysis will be published, showing particulars of both population and dwellings in a series of cross tabulations (e.g., the numbers of persons in the various industries according to their age groups, and the numbers of dwellings according to both numbers of rooms and inmates, etc.).

Census Bulletin No. 2. - Population and Dwellings in Local Government Areas, issued in February, 1955, shows the population and occupied and unoccupied dwellings in each Local Government Area of Western Australia. Census Bulletin No. 1, issued in March, 1955, provides comparisons of figures for Western Australia, as a whole, for a series of Censuses and also particulars of intercensal increases in population.

All the tables in this Bulletin exclude particulars of full-blood Aboriginals.

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# POPULATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## CENSUS, 30TH. JUNE, 1954.

1. Population. - Metropolitan, Urban, Other Urban, Rural and Migratory. The following table sets out population totals for Western Australia.

TABLE 1. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH. JUNE, 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

| Division of State | Males | Females | Persons | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Total | Proportion of Total |
| | | | | % |
| Metropolitan Urban | 171,832 | 176,815 | 348,647 | 54.50 |
| Other Urban | 53,868 | 51,550 | 105,418 | 16.48 |
| Rural | 102,753 | 80,686 | 183,439 | 28.67 |
| Migratory | 1,905 | 362 | 2,267 | 0.35 |
| TOTAL | 330,358 | 309,413 | 639,771 | 100.00 |

Note. - The Metropolitan Urban Division relates to the City of Perth and adjoining Municipalities and Road Districts within boundaries used for Census purposes. "Other Urban" relates to all other cities and towns with a population of 1,000 persons or more, and "Rural" to the remainder of the State. "Migratory" refers to persons not elsewhere enumerated, who at midnight between 30th. June and 1st. July , 1954 were travelling on ships in Western Australian waters, or on long-distance trains or aircraft.

The 1954 Census population of Western Australia (639,771 persons) represented an increase of 27.3 per cent. over the 1947 Census figure (502,480 persons).

The population of the Metropolitan Area of the State showed an increase of 27.9 per cent. over the population of that area at the 1947 Census, while the population of the remainder of the State showed an increase of 26.6 per cent. in 1954 over the corresponding 1947 figure. The proportion of the Metropolitan population to the total population of the State increased from 54.2 per cent. in 1947 to 54.5 per cent. in 1954.

The proportion of males to females in the Western Australian population in 1954 was 106.8 males to 100 females, compared with 105.6 males to 100 females in 1947. In the Metropolitan area there were 97.2 males to 100 females in 1954, compared with 93.5 males to 100 females in 1947.

2. Age. - The following table shows the numbers of the population in each age group (five years) at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 2. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

| Age Last Birthday (years) | Census, 30th. June, 1947 | | | Census, 30th. June, 1954 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons | | | |
| | | | | | | Total | Proportion of Total | Increase since 1947 | |
| | | | | | | | | Numerical | Percentage |
| | | | | | | | % | | |
| 0- 4 | 26,812 | 25,640 | 52,452 | 38,092 | 36,886 | 74,978 | 11.72 | 22,526 | 42.95 |
| 5- 9 | 22,571 | 22,021 | 44,592 | 34,369 | 32,710 | 67,079 | 10.48 | 22,487 | 50.43 |
| 10-14 | 19,632 | 19,050 | 38,682 | 26,965 | 25,728 | 52,693 | 8.24 | 14,011 | 36.22 |
| 15-19 | 19,957 | 19,982 | 39,939 | 23,048 | 22,203 | 45,251 | 7.07 | 5,312 | 13.30 |
| 20-24 | 19,272 | 19,162 | 38,434 | 22,857 | 20,745 | 43,602 | 6.82 | 5,168 | 13.45 |
| 25-29 | 17,890 | 18,236 | 36,126 | 26,432 | 23,047 | 49,479 | 7.73 | 13,353 | 36.96 |
| 30-34 | 19,256 | 19,329 | 38,585 | 25,484 | 23,036 | 48,520 | 7.59 | 9,935 | 25.75 |
| 35-39 | 19,959 | 18,219 | 38,178 | 21,606 | 21,084 | 42,690 | 6.67 | 4,512 | 11.82 |
| 40-44 | 20,019 | 16,065 | 36,084 | 23,267 | 21,139 | 44,406 | 6.94 | 8,322 | 23.06 |
| 45-49 | 17,917 | 14,554 | 32,471 | 22,176 | 18,460 | 40,636 | 6.35 | 8,165 | 25.15 |
| 50-54 | 13,017 | 12,047 | 25,064 | 19,684 | 15,963 | 35,647 | 5.57 | 10,583 | 42.22 |
| 55-59 | 11,793 | 10,813 | 22,606 | 13,092 | 12,142 | 25,234 | 3.95 | 2,628 | 11.63 |
| 60-64 | 9,595 | 9,051 | 18,646 | 11,024 | 11,243 | 22,267 | 3.48 | 3,621 | 19.42 |
| 65 & over | 20,386 | 20,235 | 40,621 | 22,262 | 25,027 | 47,289 | 7.39 | 6,668 | 16.42 |
| TOTAL | 258,076 | 244,404 | 502,480 | 330,358 | 309,413 | 639,771 | 100.00 | 137,291 | 27.32 |
| Under 21 | 92,636 | 90,538 | 183,174 | 126,605 | 121,393 | 247,998 | 38.76 | 64,824 | 35.39 |
| 21-49 | 110,649 | 101,720 | 212,369 | 137,691 | 123,645 | 261,336 | 40.85 | 48,967 | 23.06 |
| 50 & over | 54,791 | 52,146 | 106,937 | 66,062 | 64,375 | 130,437 | 20.39 | 23,500 | 21.98 |
| TOTAL | 258,076 | 244,404 | 502,480 | 330,358 | 309,413 | 639,771 | 100.00 | 137,291 | 27.32 |

At the 1954 Census 22.2 per cent. of the population of Western Australia was under 10 years of age, compared with 19.3 per cent. in 1947, and 38.8 per cent. was under 21 years of age, compared with 36.4 per cent. in 1947. The proportion of the population in the 21-49 years group was 40.8 per cent. in 1954 compared with 42.3 per cent. in 1947, whilst the 50 years and over age group constituted 20.4 per cent. of the population in 1954 and 21.3 per cent. in 1947. Increases occurred in respect of all age groups, the largest being in the 0-4 years group (43.0 per cent.) and the 5-9 years group (50.4 per cent.), and the smallest in the 55-59 years group (11.6 per cent.).

3. Conjugal Condition. - The following table shows the population of Western Australia classified according to conjugal condition at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 3. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

| Conjugal Condition | Census, 30th. June, 1947 | | | Census, 30th. June, 1954 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Persons | |
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Total | Increase or Decrease(-) since 1947 |
| Never Married - | | | | | | | |
| Under 15 years of age | 69,015 | 66,711 | 135,726 | 99,426 | 95,324 | 194,750 | 59,024 |
| 15 years of age and over | 63,556 | 42,550 | 106,106 | 71,486 | 42,760 | 114,246 | 8,140 |
| TOTAL | 132,571 | 109,261 | 241,832 | 170,912 | 138,084 | 308,996 | 67,164 |
| Married | 110,428 | 108,123 | 218,551 | 144,037 | 141,076 | 285,113 | 66,562 |
| Married but permanently separated | 4,166 | 4,424 | 8,590 | 4,320 | 4,467 | 8,787 | 197 |
| Widowed | 7,387 | 19,981 | 27,368 | 7,455 | 22,874 | 30,329 | 2,961 |
| Divorced | 2,356 | 2,098 | 4,454 | 2,930 | 2,690 | 5,620 | 1,166 |
| Not Stated | 1,168 | 517 | 1,685 | 704 | 222 | 926 | - 759 |
| TOTAL | 258,076 | 244,404 | 502,480 | 330,358 | 309,413 | 639,771 | 137,291 |

At the 1954 Census, 48.3 per cent. of the population of Western Australia was never married, 46.0 per cent. was married (including 1.4 per cent. married but permanently separated); 4.7 per cent. was widowed and 0.9 per cent. divorced. In 1947, 48.1 per cent. of the population was never married, 45.2 per cent. was married (including 1.7 per cent. married but permanently separated); 5.5 per cent. was widowed and 0.9 per cent. divorced.

The number of never-married males (15 years of age and over) to every 100 never-married females (15 years of age and over) increased from 149 in 1947 to 167 in 1954, whilst the number of widows to every 100 widowers increased from 270 in 1947 to 307 in 1954.

4. Birthplace. - The following table shows the birthplaces of the population of Western Australia at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 4. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : BIRTHPLACES OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

| Birthplace | Census, 30th. June, 1947 | | | Census, 30th. June, 1954 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Persons | |
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Total | Increase or Decrease(-) since 1947 |
| Australasia - | | | | | | | |
| Australia | 204,542 | 206,493 | 411,035 | 244,513 | 245,593 | 490,106 | 79,071 |
| New Zealand | 1,100 | 1,003 | 2,103 | 1,091 | 986 | 2,077 | - 26 |
| Other | 13 | 20 | 33 | 34 | 24 | 58 | 25 |
| Total Australasia | 205,655 | 207,516 | 413,171 | 245,638 | 246,603 | 492,241 | 79,070 |
| Europe - | | | | | | | |
| England | 28,756 | 23,326 | 52,082 | 34,347 | 28,859 | 63,206 | 11,124 |
| Wales | 922 | 623 | 1,545 | 1,125 | 782 | 1,907 | 362 |
| Scotland | 6,169 | 4,655 | 10,824 | 7,419 | 5,765 | 13,184 | 2,360 |
| Northern Ireland | 364 | 193 | 557 | 546 | 380 | 926 | 369 |
| Ireland, Republic of | 285 | 423 | 708 | 375 | 321 | 696 | - 12 |
| Ireland - Undefined | 2,086 | 1,599 | 3,685 | 2,071 | 1,703 | 3,774 | 89 |
| Austria | 86 | 70 | 156 | 432 | 372 | 804 | 648 |
| Czechoslovakia | 46 | 22 | 68 | 448 | 250 | 698 | 630 |
| Denmark | 170 | 55 | 225 | 199 | 64 | 263 | 38 |
| Estonia | 21 | 4 | 25 | 236 | 191 | 427 | 402 |
| France | 74 | 97 | 171 | 125 | 163 | 288 | 117 |
| Germany | 426 | 230 | 656 | 2,698 | 2,663 | 5,361 | 4,705 |
| Greece | 1,451 | 482 | 1,933 | 1,981 | 1,232 | 3,213 | 1,280 |
| Hungary | 10 | 12 | 22 | 537 | 328 | 865 | 843 |
| Italy | 3,856 | 1,566 | 5,422 | 11,482 | 5,560 | 17,042 | 11,620 |
| Latvia | 23 | 13 | 36 | 834 | 669 | 1,503 | 1,467 |
| Lithuania | 11 | 5 | 16 | 390 | 195 | 585 | 569 |
| Malta | 69 | 27 | 96 | 288 | 104 | 392 | 296 |
| Netherlands | 208 | 56 | 264 | 4,857 | 3,624 | 8,481 | 8,217 |
| Norway | 222 | 34 | 256 | 230 | 42 | 272 | 16 |
| Poland | 143 | 84 | 227 | 3,112 | 2,018 | 5,130 | 4,903 |
| Romania | 19 | 8 | 27 | 105 | 64 | 169 | 142 |
| Sweden | 213 | 17 | 230 | 159 | 17 | 176 | - 54 |
| Switzerland | 103 | 68 | 171 | 144 | 99 | 243 | 72 |
| Ukraine | (a) | (a) | (a) | 688 | 444 | 1,132 | 1,613 |
| U.S.S.R. | 167 | 128 | 295 | 350 | 426 | 776 | |
| Yugoslavia | 2,415 | 962 | 3,377 | 2,957 | 1,616 | 4,573 | 1,196 |
| Other | 712 | 255 | 967 | 801 | 390 | 1,191 | 224 |
| Total Europe | 49,027 | 35,014 | 84,041 | 78,936 | 58,341 | 137,277 | 53,236 |
| Asia - | | | | | | | |
| China | 338 | 47 | 385 | 379 | 82 | 461 | 76 |
| Federation of Malaya | 350 | 230 | 580 | 408 | 210 | 618 | 38 |
| India, Pakistan, Ceylon | 1,040 | 593 | 1,633 | 1,946 | 1,785 | 3,731 | 2,098 |
| Indonesia | 88 | 60 | 148 | 338 | 242 | 580 | 432 |
| Israel | 170 | 151 | 321 | 165 | 161 | 326 | 5 |
| Other | 335 | 59 | 394 | 812 | 673 | 1,485 | 1,091 |
| Total Asia | 2,321 | 1,140 | 3,461 | 4,048 | 3,153 | 7,201 | 3,740 |
| Africa - | | | | | | | |
| Union of South Africa | 339 | 244 | 583 | 333 | 279 | 612 | 29 |
| Egypt | 43 | 46 | 89 | 333 | 310 | 643 | 554 |
| Other | 42 | 26 | 68 | 157 | 128 | 285 | 217 |
| Total Africa | 424 | 316 | 740 | 823 | 717 | 1,540 | 800 |
| America - | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 209 | 120 | 329 | 255 | 151 | 406 | 77 |
| United States | 263 | 151 | 414 | 469 | 281 | 750 | 336 |
| Other | 101 | 71 | 172 | 114 | 93 | 207 | 35 |
| Total America | 573 | 342 | 915 | 838 | 525 | 1,363 | 448 |
| Other | 76 | 76 | 152 | 75 | 74 | 149 | - 3 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 258,076 | 244,404 | 502,480 | 330,358 | 309,413 | 639,771 | 137,291 |

(a) Included with U.S.S.R.

At 30th. June, 1954, the Australian-born population of Western Australia represented 76.6 per cent. of the total, compared with 81.8 per cent. in 1947. European-born persons constituted almost 21.5 per cent. of the Western Australian population in 1954, compared with 16.7 per cent. in 1947. At the 1954 Census these persons consisted mainly of people born in England (9.9 per cent.), Italy (2.7 per cent.), Scotland (2.1 per cent.), Netherlands (1.3 per cent.) and Germany (0.8 per cent.).

The largest increases in numbers of oversea-born persons in Western Australia between the Censuses of 1947 and 1954 occurred in respect of the following countries:- Italy, 11,620 persons(214 per cent.); England, 11,124 (21 per cent.); Netherlands, 8,217; Poland, 4,903; and Germany, 4,705. The numbers of persons born in the last-named three countries at the 1954 Census were, respectively, 32 times, 23 times, and 8 times as great as the numbers at the 1947 Census.

Of the 137,277 European-born persons in Western Australia at the 1954 Census, 78,936 or 57.5 per cent. were males, compared with 58.3 per cent. in 1947. The preponderance of males in 1954 was most noticeable in respect of persons born in Italy, Poland and Yugoslavia.

5. Period of Residence in Australia of Persons born outside Australia. - The following table sets out details of the period of residence in Australia of persons born outside Australia.

TABLE 5. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA OF PERSONS BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA, CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

| Period of Residence | Census, 30th. June, 1947 | | | Census, 30th. June, 1954 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Persons | |
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Total | Increase or Decrease(-) since 1947 |
| Under 1 year | 2,127 | 939 | 3,066 | 5,774 | 4,639 | 10,413 | 7,347 |
| 1 year and under 2yrs. | 315 | 480 | 795 | 4,261 | 3,473 | 7,734 | 6,939 |
| 2 years " " 3 " | 130 | 83 | 213 | 7,068 | 4,153 | 11,221 | 11,008 |
| 3 " " " 4 " | 54 | 31 | 85 | 6,773 | 5,031 | 11,804 | 11,719 |
| 4 " " " 5 " | 61 | 26 | 87 | 8,983 | 6,895 | 15,878 | 15,791 |
| Total, under 5 yrs. | 2,687 | 1,559 | 4,246 | 32,859 | 24,191 | 57,050 | 52,804 |
| 5 yrs. and under 6 yrs | 197 | 149 | 346 | 6,309 | 4,260 | 10,569 | 10,223 |
| 6 " " " 7 " | 161 | 154 | 315 | 2,381 | 1,994 | 4,375 | 4,060 |
| 7 " " " 8 " | 242 | 252 | 494 | 1,194 | 978 | 2,172 | 1,678 |
| 8 " " " 9 " | 625 | 511 | 1,136 | ) | | | |
| 9 " " " 10 " | 873 | 478 | 1,351 | ) 1,305 | 1,258 | 2,563 | - 3,254 |
| 10 " " " 15 " | 1,775 | 1,555 | 3,330 | ) | | | |
| Total, 5 yrs. and under 15 years | 3,873 | 3,099 | 6,972 | 11,189 | 8,490 | 19,679 | 12,707 |
| 15 years and over | 45,343 | 32,292 | 77,635 | 40,484 | 30,176 | 70,660 | - 6,975 |
| Not Stated | 1,631 | 961 | 2,592 | 1,313 | 963 | 2,276 | - 316 |
| Total born outside Australia | 53,534 | 37,911 | 91,445 | 85,845 | 63,820 | 149,665 | 58,220 |
| Born in Australia | 204,542 | 206,493 | 411,035 | 244,513 | 245,593 | 490,106 | 79,071 |
| TOTAL | 258,076 | 244,404 | 502,480 | 330,358 | 309,413 | 639,771 | 137,291 |

Of the 1954 population born outside Australia, almost 50 per cent. (74,166 persons) had resided in Australia for less than eight years, as compared with less than 6 per cent. (5,401 persons) in 1947. In 1954 slightly more than 10.6 per cent. (15,878 persons) had spent between four and five years in Australia.

6. Nationality (i.e., Allegiance). - The following table shows particulars of the nationality of the population of Western Australia at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 6. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : NATIONALITY (i.e., ALLEGIANCE) OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

| Nationality | Census, 30th. June, 1947 | | | Census, 30th. June, 1954 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Persons | |
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Total | Increase since 1947 |
| British (a) | 253,916 | 243,597 | 497,513 | 303,609 | 292,488 | 596,097 | 98,584 |
| Foreign - | | | | | | | |
| American (U.S.) | 152 | 27 | 179 | 361 | 173 | 534 | 355 |
| Austrian | 15 | 9 | 24 | 244 | 175 | 419 | 395 |
| Chinese | 288 | 22 | 310 | 306 | 14 | 320 | 10 |
| Czechoslovak | 12 | 3 | 15 | 288 | 145 | 433 | 418 |
| Dutch | 292 | 62 | 354 | 4,940 | 3,782 | 8,722 | 8,368 |
| Estonian | 4 | 1 | 5 | 205 | 175 | 380 | 375 |
| French | 14 | 15 | 29 | 77 | 59 | 136 | 107 |
| German | 63 | 16 | 79 | 1,356 | 1,219 | 2,575 | 2,496 |
| Greek | 715 | 122 | 837 | 1,151 | 815 | 1,966 | 1,129 |
| Hungarian | 1 | 1 | 2 | 476 | 331 | 807 | 805 |
| Italian | 897 | 201 | 1,098 | 8,417 | 3,849 | 12,266 | 11,168 |
| Latvian | .. | 3 | 3 | 778 | 664 | 1,442 | 1,439 |
| Lithuanian | 2 | .. | 2 | 360 | 223 | 583 | 581 |
| Norwegian | 89 | 5 | 94 | 130 | 22 | 152 | 58 |
| Polish | 13 | 9 | 22 | 2,989 | 2,254 | 5,243 | 5,221 |
| Russian | 19 | 5 | 24 | 104 | 100 | 204 | 180 |
| Swiss | 20 | 11 | 31 | 74 | 36 | 110 | 79 |
| Ukrainian | .. | .. | .. | 788 | 550 | 1,338 | 1,338 |
| Yugoslav | 984 | 214 | 1,198 | 1,584 | 1,045 | 2,629 | 1,431 |
| Other | 536 | 57 | 593 | 705 | 223 | 928 | 335 |
| Stateless | 44 | 24 | 68 | 1,416 | 1,071 | 2,487 | 2,419 |
| Total Foreign | 4,160 | 807 | 4,967 | 26,749 | 16,925 | 43,674 | 38,707 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 258,076 | 244,404 | 502,480 | 330,358 | 309,413 | 639,771 | 137,291 |

(a) "Irish" nationality is included with "British" nationality for the purpose of this table.

At 30th. June, 1954, 596,097 persons (or 93.2 per cent. of the Western Australian population) were of British nationality, compared with 99.0 per cent. in 1947. The number of foreign nationals increased from 4,967 persons in 1947 to 43,674 persons at 30th. June, 1954.

Of the 149,665 persons constituting the oversea-born population of Western Australia at 30th. June, 1954 approximately 70 per cent. were British subjects, the remainder owing foreign allegiance.

The most numerous foreign nationals in Western Australia at 30th. June, 1954 were:- Italian, 12,266; Dutch, 8,722; Polish, 5,243; Yugoslav, 2,629; German, 2,575 and Greek, 1,966.

7. Religion. - The following table sets out particulars of the religions of those persons who answered this question (which was not obligatory), at the Censuses of 30th. June, 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 7. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : RELIGIONS OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

| Religion | Census, 30th. June, 1947 | | | Census, 30th. June, 1954 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Persons | |
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Total | Increase or Decrease(-) since 1947 |
| Christian - | | | | | | | |
| Baptist | 2,973 | 3,124 | 6,097 | 3,475 | 3,761 | 7,236 | 1,139 |
| Brethren | 278 | 334 | 612 | 331 | 403 | 734 | 122 |
| Catholic, Roman (a) | 25,406 | 20,475 | 45,881 | 48,301 | 39,710 | 88,011 | 42,130 |
| Catholic (a) | 25,037 | 27,571 | 52,608 | 27,343 | 28,135 | 55,478 | 2,870 |
| Church of Christ | 3,177 | 3,866 | 7,043 | 3,590 | 4,211 | 7,801 | 758 |
| Church of England | 113,577 | 108,880 | 222,457 | 136,802 | 131,333 | 268,135 | 45,678 |
| Congregational | 2,893 | 3,057 | 5,950 | 3,332 | 3,512 | 6,844 | 894 |
| Greek Orthodox | (b) | (b) | (b) | 4,183 | 3,030 | 7,213 | (b) |
| Lutheran | 534 | 307 | 841 | 2,046 | 1,825 | 3,871 | 3,030 |
| Methodist | 29,212 | 29,982 | 59,194 | 33,697 | 34,792 | 68,489 | 9,295 |
| Presbyterian | 16,265 | 15,544 | 31,809 | 19,281 | 18,378 | 37,659 | 5,850 |
| Protestant (undefined) | 2,445 | 2,312 | 4,757 | 3,209 | 2,957 | 6,166 | 1,409 |
| Salvation Army | 1,485 | 1,715 | 3,200 | 1,774 | 1,958 | 3,732 | 532 |
| Seventh Day Adventist | 901 | 1,171 | 2,072 | 1,295 | 1,637 | 2,932 | 860 |
| Other (incl.Christian undefined) | 2,229 | 2,112 | 4,341 | 2,600 | 2,892 | 5,492 | 1,151 |
| Total, Christian | 226,412 | 220,450 | 446,862 | 291,259 | 278,534 | 569,793 | 122,931 |
| Non-Christian - | | | | | | | |
| Hebrew | 1,183 | 1,111 | 2,294 | 1,311 | 1,244 | 2,555 | 61 |
| Other | 655 | 79 | 734 | 297 | 77 | 374 | - 360 |
| Total,Non-Christian | 1,838 | 1,190 | 3,028 | 1,608 | 1,321 | 2,929 | - 99 |
| Indefinite | 940 | 903 | 1,843 | 941 | 805 | 1,746 | - 97 |
| No Religion | 1,680 | 659 | 2,339 | 1,451 | 709 | 2,160 | - 179 |
| No Reply | 27,206 | 21,202 | 48,408 | 35,099 | 28,044 | 63,143 | 14,735 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 258,076 | 244,404 | 502,480 | 330,358 | 309,413 | 639,771 | 137,291 |

(a) So described in individual Census Schedules.
(b) Not available.

There were 63,143 persons or 9.9 per cent. of the population who gave no reply to this question in 1954 (compared with 48,408 or 9.6 per cent. in 1947).

The denominations with the largest numbers of stated adherents in 1954 were:- Church of England, 268,135; Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described), 143,489; Methodist, 68,489; Presbyterian, 37,659 and Church of Christ, 7,801.

The greatest numerical increase since 1947 was shown by the Church of England with an increase of 45,678 persons. This was followed by Roman Catholics and Catholics (so described) with an increase of 45,000 persons; Methodists 9,295 persons; Presbyterians, 5,850 persons and Lutherans, 3,030 persons.

Among the denominations with the largest number of stated adherents, the greatest proportional increases since 1947 were recorded by Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described), (45.7 per cent.); Church of England (20.5 per cent.); Presbyterian (18.4 per cent.) and Methodist (15.7 per cent.). Amongst the denominations with smaller numbers of adherents there were also some proportionally large increases.

Adherents of Christian religions represented 98.8 per cent. of all persons in Western Australia who replied to the question on religion at the Census of 30th. June, 1954. This proportion is almost identical with that shown at the 1947 Census.

8. Industry. - The following table shows the main groups of industry in which the working population of Western Australia was engaged at 30th. June, 1947 and 1954.

NOTE. - The Classification of Industries used for the 1954 Census differed in a number of instances from that used for the 1947 Census. The more significant of these instances are listed below, and the industry groups affected are indicated in the table by asterisks. (i) SHIP AND BOAT BUILDING AND MARINE ENGINEERING in 1947 was included in the "Founding, Engineering and metalworking" sub-group, whereas in 1954 it has been included in the sub-group, "Manufacture, Assembly and Repair of Ships, Vehicles, Parts and Accessories". (ii) ELECTRICITY in 1947 was divided into Production and Supply, (included in this table with "Other Manufacturing") and Construction and Maintenance (included with the "Building and Construction" group); (iii) GAS in 1947 was included in the "Gas and Electricity" sub-group of the "Manufacturing" group (included in this table with "Other Manufacturing"); (iv) WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SERVICES in 1947 was included with "Building and Construction"; (v) SANITATION, INSPECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE in 1947 was included with the "Personal Services etc." sub-group of "Amusement, Hotels, Cafes, Personal Services, etc.". In 1954 items (ii), except for Construction, (iii), (iv) and (v) have all been included in the "Electricity, Gas, Water and Sanitary Services (Production, Supply and Maintenance) group. (vi) MOTOR ENGINEERING in 1947 was included in the "Transport and Storage" group, whereas in 1954 it has been included with the "Manufacture, Assembly and Repair of Ships, Vehicles, Parts and Accessories" sub-group of the "Manufacturing" group. (vii) MOTOR GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS in 1947 was included in "Transport and Storage", whereas in 1954 it has been included in the "Retail Trade" sub-group of the "Commerce" group. (viii) CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES in 1947 was included in "Building and Construction", whereas in 1954 it has been included in the "Communication group.

TABLE 8. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

| Industry Group | Census, 30th. June, 1947 | | | Census, 30th. June, 1954 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| Primary Production - | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Grazing & Dairying | 33,471 | 1,424 | 34,895 | 36,449 | 2,472 | 38,921 |
| Fishing, Hunting, Trapping | 1,216 | 3 | 1,219 | 1,551 | 19 | 1,570 |
| Forestry | 1,785 | 1 | 1,786 | 1,005 | 7 | 1,012 |
| Total Primary Production | 36,472 | 1,428 | 37,900 | 39,005 | 2,498 | 41,503 |
| Mining and Quarrying - | | | | | | |
| Coal Mining | 1,226 | 5 | 1,231 | 1,779 | 11 | 1,790 |
| Gold Mining | 7,709 | 74 | 7,783 | 6,045 | 86 | 6,131 |
| Other Mining and Quarrying | 1,224 | 18 | 1,242 | 1,387 | 44 | 1,431 |
| Total Mining and Quarrying | 10,159 | 97 | 10,256 | 9,211 | 141 | 9,352 |
| Manufacturing - | | | | | | |
| Founding, Engineering and Metalworking | * 6,073 | * 400 | * 6,473 | 9,015 | 691 | 9,706 |
| Manufacture, Assembly and Repair of Ships, Vehicles, Parts and Accessories | 3,952 | 50 | 4,002 | * 7,391 | * 158 | * 7,549 |
| Manufacture of Textiles and Fibrous Materials (not Dress) | 346 | 216 | 562 | 486 | 300 | 786 |
| Manufacture of Clothing, Knitted Goods, Boots, Shoes, etc. | 1,489 | 3,362 | 4,851 | 1,316 | 2,913 | 4,229 |
| Manufacture of Food, Drink, and Tobacco | 5,336 | 1,145 | 6,481 | 5,628 | 1,382 | 7,010 |
| Sawmilling | 2,807 | 31 | 2,838 | 5,509 | 72 | 5,581 |
| Manufacture of Wood Products, Furniture & Fittings other than Metal etc. | 1,997 | 99 | 2,096 | 2,995 | 223 | 3,218 |
| Paper Printing, Bookbinding, Photography | 2,046 | 745 | 2,791 | 2,539 | 875 | 3,414 |
| Manufacture of Chemicals, Dyes, etc. | 1,054 | 86 | 1,140 | 1,620 | 265 | 1,885 |
| Other | * 4,986 | * 567 | * 5,553 | 5,399 | 580 | 5,979 |
| Total Manufacturing | 30,086 | 6,701 | 36,787 | 41,898 | 7,459 | 49,357 |

TABLE 8. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY (Continued).

| Industry Group | Census, 30th. June, 1947 | | | Census, 30th. June, 1954 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| Electricity, Gas, Water, etc.(Production, Supply & Maintenance) | * | * | * | *3,956 | * 213 | *4,169 |
| Building and Construction - | | | | | | |
| Construction and Repair of Buildings | 6,905 | 38 | 6,943 | 16,850 | 201 | 17,051 |
| Construction Works (other than Buildings) | *7,939 | * 16 | *7,955 | 11,070 | 160 | 11,230 |
| Total Building & Construction | *14,844 | * 54 | *14,898 | 27,920 | 361 | 28,281 |
| Transport and Storage - | | | | | | |
| Shipping and Loading and Discharging Vessels | 4,646 | 147 | 4,793 | 4,641 | 194 | 4,835 |
| Rail and Air Transport | 5,936 | 282 | 6,218 | 8,463 | 374 | 8,837 |
| Other | * 6,548 | *406 | * 6,954 | 5,789 | 345 | 6,134 |
| Total Transport and Storage | 17,130 | 835 | 17,965 | 18,893 | 913 | 19,806 |
| Communication | 2,236 | 731 | 2,967 | * 4,082 | * 887 | * 4,969 |
| Finance and Property | 3,631 | 1,397 | 5,028 | 4,468 | 2,079 | 6,547 |
| Commerce - | | | | | | |
| Wholesale Trade (other than Livestock and Primary Produce Dealing etc.) | 6,667 | 1,615 | 8,282 | 9,432 | 2,820 | 12,252 |
| Retail Trade | 11,013 | 7,337 | 18,350 | *16,800 | *11,484 | *28,284 |
| Other | 1,984 | 453 | 2,437 | 2,441 | 547 | 2,988 |
| Total Commerce | 19,664 | 9,405 | 29,069 | 28,673 | 14,851 | 43,524 |
| Public Authority (N.E.I.)& Professional Activities - | | | | | | |
| Public Authority Activities(NEI) | 4,591 | 1,658 | 6,249 | 6,115 | 1,858 | 7,973 |
| Law, Order & Public Safety | 1,185 | 305 | 1,490 | 1,640 | 456 | 2,096 |
| Health, Hospitals, etc. | 1,812 | 3,842 | 5,654 | 2,617 | 5,898 | 8,515 |
| Education | 1,791 | 2,973 | 4,764 | 2,903 | 3,912 | 6,815 |
| Other | 4,483 | 1,259 | 5,742 | 5,434 | 1,785 | 7,219 |
| Total Public Authority etc. | 13,862 | 10,037 | 23,899 | 18,709 | 13,909 | 32,618 |
| Amusement, Hotels, Cafes, Personal Service, etc. - | | | | | | |
| Amusement, Sport & Recreation | 1,725 | 444 | 2,169 | 1,810 | 574 | 2,384 |
| Hotels, Cafes, Personal Service, etc. | * 5,181 | *8,445 | *13,626 | 4,943 | 8,948 | 13,891 |
| Total Amusement, Hotels, etc. | 6,906 | 8,889 | 15,795 | 6,753 | 9,522 | 16,275 |
| Industry Inadequately Described or Not Stated (a) | 8,947 | 2,889 | 11,836 | 1,473 | 527 | 2,000 |
| Total in Work Force | 163,937 | 42,463 | 206,400 | 205,041 | 53,360 | 258,401 |
| Persons not in Work Force | 94,139 | 201,941 | 296,080 | 125,317 | 256,053 | 381,370 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 258,076 | 244,404 | 502,480 | 330,358 | 309,413 | 639,771 |

(a) Decreases in 1954 are due mainly to provision on the Householder's Schedule for added information to facilitate classification of industry.

At 30th. June, 1954 the combined industry groups Manufacturing, Electricity, etc., and Building and Construction absorbed 81,807 persons (31.7 per cent. of the total work force), and comprised 73,774 males (36.0 per cent. of the male work force) and 8,033 females (15.0 per cent. of the female work force). These were followed by the Commerce group 43,524 persons (representing 16.8 per cent. of all persons in the work force), the predominantly male Primary Production group, 41,503 persons (16.1 per cent. of the work force) and Public Authority (N.E.I.), etc., 32,618 persons (12.6 per cent.). In 1947 the proportion of these Industrial Groups to the total work force was as follows:- Manufacturing, Electricity, Building, etc., 25.0 per cent., Commerce, 14.1 per cent., Primary Production, 18.4 per cent., and Public Authority (N.E.I.) etc., 11.6 per cent.

9. Occupational Status. - The following table shows details of the Occupational Status of the population (i.e., the capacity in which persons were engaged in the various branches of industry, whether as employer, employee, etc.) of Western Australia at 30th. June, 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 9. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

| Occupational Status | Census, 30th. June, 1947 | | | Census, 30th. June, 1954 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Persons | |
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Total | Increase or Decrease(-) since 1947 |
| In Work Force - | | | | | | | |
| At Work - | | | | | | | |
| Employer | 13,972 | 1,548 | 15,520 | 16,861 | 2,243 | 19,104 | 3,584 |
| Self-Employed | 24,119 | 2,721 | 26,840 | 26,146 | 3,367 | 29,513 | 2,673 |
| Employee | 117,993 | 36,632 | 154,625 | 158,260 | 46,104 | 204,364 | 49,739 |
| Helper (not on wage or salary) | 1,706 | 228 | 1,934 | 1,512 | 796 | 2,308 | 374 |
| Total | 157,790 | 41,129 | 198,919 | 202,779 | 52,510 | 255,289 | 56,370 |
| Not at Work (a) | 5,450 | 1,158 | 6,608 | 2,077 | 741 | 2,818 | - 3,790 |
| Not Stated | 697 | 176 | 873 | 185 | 109 | 294 | - 579 |
| Total in Work Force | 163,937 | 42,463 | 206,400 | 205,041 | 53,360 | 258,401 | 52,001 |
| Not in Work Force | 94,139 | 201,941 | 296,080 | 125,317 | 256,053 | 381,370 | 85,290 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 258,076 | 244,404 | 502,480 | 330,358 | 309,413 | 639,771 | 137,291 |

(a) Includes persons who were (1) unable to secure employment, (2) temporarily laid off from their jobs, and (3) not actively seeking work at the time of the Census on account of sickness or accident, industrial dispute, resting between jobs or for any other reason.

Of the total persons in the work force at 30th. June, 1954, employees numbered 204,364 (79.1 per cent.) compared with 154,625 (74.9 per cent.) in 1947; there were 19,104 employers (7.4 per cent.), compared with 15,520 (7.5 per cent.) in 1947; and 29,513 self-employed persons (11.4 per cent.), compared with 26,840 (13.0 per cent.) in 1947. Persons not in the work force constituted 59.6 per cent. of the total populatio in 1954, as compared with 58.9 per cent. in 1947.

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